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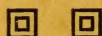
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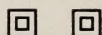


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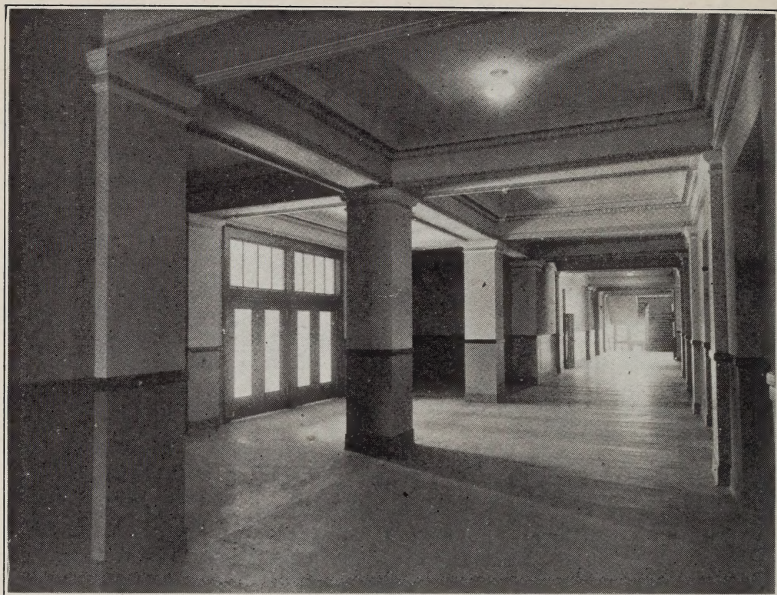
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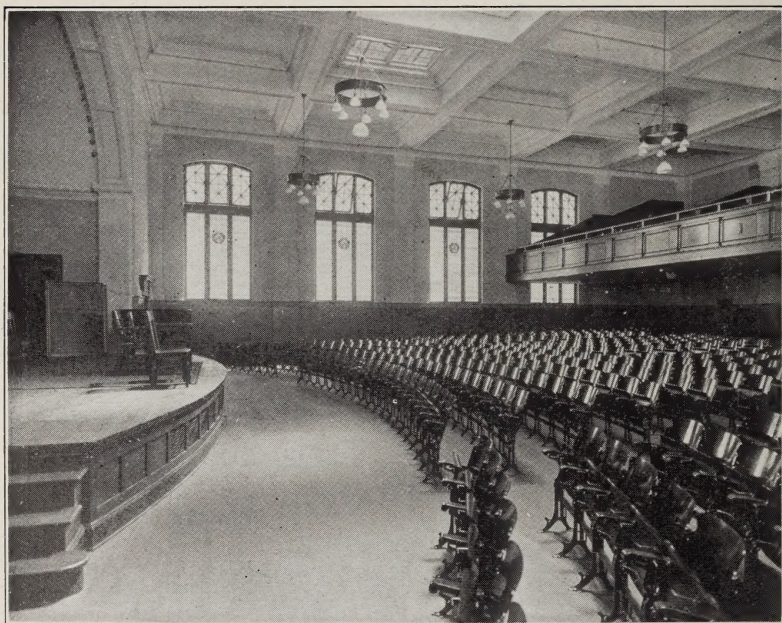
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## The Great Photo Drama

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**F**LAMING posters heralded the event two weeks beforehand; loud-voiced street-criers shouted forth the news to all and sundry; the theatre-going crowds waited agog for the appearance of the great new masterpiece of the Hellenic Film Company. A year's run in Paris, six months in New York and five in London—these were the records which this educational and instructive photoplay had enjoyed. And now the management of the famous drama had graciously condescended to allow the inhabitants of Smithville, Saanich District, the privilege of viewing it for the modest sum of one nickel.

The Picture Palace was crowded. Everybody was there. It was certainly a democratic crowd. No stiff, conventional courtesies for them! Town gossip buzzed around and around. The air became surcharged with tobacco smoke and some of the weaker sex were overcome. Impatience became manifested by a continual stamping of feet. A great ovation greeted the orchestra (one drum, one violin and one concertina) when it commenced an overture. The violin had a flying start, but by the time the selection was completed the concertina had passed it and finished a good three bars in the lead. The drum was a bad third. This was loudly applauded, and when the title of the drama was thrown on the scenes, the enthusiasm of the audience knew no bounds.

**"Lady Veronica"—A Story of Love and Adventure."**

Dramatis Personæ:

Lady Veronica—An English heiress who is the heroine of the play.

Roger Blackwood—An enterprising young American who loves Veronica, but who is scorned by her parents because he has no title.

Count Hugo—An unscrupulous Frenchman who is in love with Lady Veronica's money. He is favorably regarded by the parents of the heroine.

Princess Olga of the Russian Royal family.

Several others of minor importance.

The opening scene is laid in the brilliantly lighted salon of the most famous gaming house in Monte Carlo. The Lady Veronica is gaming at one of the numerous tables. A sudden impulse strikes her and she stakes all on one throw of the dice. She loses and falls fainting to the floor, overcome by the magnitude of her loss. Young Blackwood, who has been anxiously watching the progress of the game, grasps her as she falls, while the wicked Count smiles sardonically. Angry words pass between them and the company disperses, leaving our heroine alone.

When she is again fully recovered her eyes wander about the room and finally rest upon a necklace of wonderful pearls. Many times during the evening has she gazed upon them enviously, and now they are within her reach. Without thinking she hastily hides

them in her satchel. All at once the enormity of her deed strikes her and she dramatically wrestles with temptation for a few minutes. Suddenly she hears a footstep without and this decides her. She once more conceals them in her hand-bag. Someone enters—the cunning Count, who has been eavesdropping at the door and has seen everything. The villain hisses vindictively:—"If you do not marry me, I will disclose your guilt." But Veronica is not so easily persuaded into giving up her true lover and she exclaims proudly:—"Betray me if you will; I'll never give up Roger." Then, torn with remorse and anguish at her deed, she screams and faints again. Roger comes running up and accuses the Count of insulting her. A page rushes in bearing two swords, and a duel is soon in progress.

For a weary time the two warily circle round each other and at last the Frenchman strikes, wounding Blackwood in the wrist. But at the same moment the American makes a vigorous lunge and pierces the evil eye of the foreigner, who falls to the ground. He is borne away, vowing eternal vengeance on the pair of lovers, who are seen clasped in each other's arms. (Something went wrong with the machine and this particular scene remained on the sheet for about three minutes, whilst repairs were being effected). The beautiful lady convinces Roger that they must fly from the vengeance of his rival.

At dead of night they steal down to the harbor where Blackwood's five hundred horsepower speed boat lies at her moorings. They literally fly from the Bay and head for the open sea at the rate of forty-five knots per hour. After a while they are intercepted by a torpedo boat which has been chartered by the Count. Something goes wrong with the steering gear and there is a collision. The racing boat is cut in two and blows up with a terrible explosion, so terrible that the hull of the naval boat is ripped open and she sinks with all hands on board.

Roger rescues the drowning Veronica and wards off a murderous attack by the Frenchman. Eventually they are picked up by a large cargo boat bound for South African ports. Hardly have they proceeded a mile when a terrific boiler explosion takes place and this vessel also sinks. Roger once again rescues his lady love and swims with her to the shore, some three miles distant. They leave Hugo in a drowning condition and still uttering curses upon them.

They reach shore and Roger sets off in search of assistance. Returning after a fruitless search, he discovers a stealthy, man-eating tiger which is stalking Veronica. With one bound he siezes the brute by the throat and after a long struggle he strangles the beast. A band of native fishermen appear and take them off in their small craft. They pass by the dead body of the French nobleman on towards the shores of Monte Carlo, where they are received with a benediction from the haughty parents. (Finis)

So touching and so full of actual life was the wonderful drama that it was recorded that the marriage rate went up fifty per cent in the next six months in the town of Smithville, District of Saanich.



**HARRY CROSS**

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**GEORGE WILLIAM STUBBS**

Our modern Demosthenes who won the Gold Medal for public speaking, presented by Mr. Wood at the final meeting of the Beta Delta Society. His ready wit, together with sound argument, were pleasing features of the address.

**KINGSLEY TERRY**

As assistant business manager of the Camosun, he is to be congratulated upon the splendid assistance he has rendered by his energetic canvassing, and upon the interest shown in the paper's welfare generally.

**A. LINCOLN MARSHALL**

The winner of the Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal for proficiency in the recent matriculation examinations. He obtained a percentage of 83.2, and holds the honor of passing second in the Dominion of Canada.



# EDITORIAL

THE CAMOSUN is now entering on its seventh year as the official organ of the students of the Victoria High School and College. As a result of the unceasing efforts of the board of management of last year, the paper reached a very high standard, both in form and matter. The aim of the present editorial staff is to at least maintain that standard, and, if possible, to surpass it. This, however, is practically impossible unless we have your co-operation in practical interest. The report of the business manager is quite satisfactory; as a result we are enabled to increase the paper by four pages. This, however, will be impossible unless the editors are supplied with suitable material with which to utilize this added space. If you desire to have a magazine worthy of the School, you must make it a duty to see that your share of the work is not left undone, for no paper can truly represent the genius of a large number of scholars if it is compiled by an energetic few.

Last season's Camosun was most satisfactory. After meeting all expenses the board were able to show quite a neat surplus over the year's expenditure. This success in the financial department was due principally to the efforts of Harry Clarke and Leonard McBride who were most zealous in the management of this portion of the work. Worthy successors as business managers have been found in Gordon Cameron and Kingsley Terry, both of whom have been very successful in their canvass for ads.

We are enabled to publish our magazine through the patronage of some of the foremost firms of the city. The managers of these business establishments have recognized that the Camosun is a good advertising medium. This opinion can, however, only be maintained in their minds by apparent results. So we earnestly ask the students to patronize our advertisers, and when doing so to be sure to mention the fact that you saw their "ad" in the Camosun.

Mr. V. S. Plant, who takes the place of Mr. Wood as a teacher of English, is a graduate in Arts of McGill University. He has lived



in British Columbia for two years. Before his arrival in Victoria he taught in Westminster High School. Mr. Plant is taking an interest in the Beta Delta Society and has been elected an honorary vice-president.

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Mr. L. Richardson graduated in 1910 from London University, in England, at which he received his degree as Bachelor of Science in Pure and Applied Mathematics. During the greater part of his residence of eighteen months in this province he taught at Golden. Mr. Richardson is taking some interest in the game of soccer football, which is finding re-birth in High School as a school sport.

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Mr. Maxwell obtained a degree at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, in 1907, and two years later he graduated from Oxford University. During his sojourn in B. C. he has taught at Westminster Hall and McGill University in Vancouver. Mr. Maxwell is a teacher of Latin. He has evinced considerable interest in the Debating Society, acting as an honorary vice-president.

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Mr. Harry Smith graduated from McGill University in 1912 as a Bachelor of Arts and for a time taught English at Westmount Academy, in the suburbs of Montreal. We deem Mr. Smith a valuable addition, both to our ice hockey and grass hockey clubs, especially with respect to the former, for, while at McGill Mr. Smith played with the team when they were inter-collegiate champions.

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Mr. Putnam is a graduate of Dalhousie University, at Halifax, N.S., at which he received his degree as Bachelor of Science. For some time past Mr. Putnam taught at Chilliwack, British Columbia.

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Miss Mary Hamilton was born at New Westminster, B.C., but some of the older pupils will remember her as going to school here. She was quite prominent in Victoria High School circles and was one of the members of the Camosun staff. Two years ago she left Victoria College for McGill College, Montreal, where she finished her education, specializing in English and French. Miss Hamilton formerly taught for two years at Pender Island.

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Mr. Walter Smail is well known to the ice hockey enthusiasts of this town, and has taken up duties as a physical instructor in our school.

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The staff of the Camosun is sorry to say that, as yet, there has been very little response to the appeal for short stories. In a school such as ours, comprised of several hundred students, it is ridiculous

to suppose for one moment, that in all this number, no one has the ability to write a few lines of interesting and entertaining narration. If everyone does his or her share, the paper will be a success; but if you leave your part to be done by someone else, nothing but failure can be the result. The Camosun can be a credit to us only when the school as a whole strives to make it such.

The boys and girls of the High School have been busily employed during the last two or three weeks in working for the Patriotic Fund. A creditable amount has been subscribed by the various classes:

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The following have been chosen to act as Prefects for the term 1914-15:

Girls—Edna Sparling, Christina Williams, Eleanor Nicholson, Kathleen Grubb, Edna Rigby, Alexia Brown.

Boys—Alexander Straith, Robert Hamilton, Gordon MacEachern, Norman Hall, Harold Roe.



## Mr. F. G. C. Wood

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new"

**A**NOTHER term has been commenced and the pupils and teachers have entered upon their duties once more. Amongst the teachers new faces appear, to take the place of those whom have gone, leaving their deeds behind, as evidence for the presiding judge, "Remembrance." Amongst these is Mr. Wood, who, having won the Austin Scholarship, has left to take a three-year

post-graduate course at Harvard. As a student of the High School, Mr. Wood was a member of the first class, consisting of seven, which took the Arts' course in Victoria after affiliation with McGill. He completed his final two years in the East, graduating in 1910, and winning the Shakespeare Gold Medal, which was instituted in 1864 at the Tercentenary of Shakespeare's birth. Soon after, Mr. Wood became a member of the High School staff, at once evincing an interest in the school activities. Beside being the founder and honorary president of the Beta Delta, he held similar offices in the McGill Grass Hockey Club. He also took over the literary and business managements of the Camosun until the paper having expanded

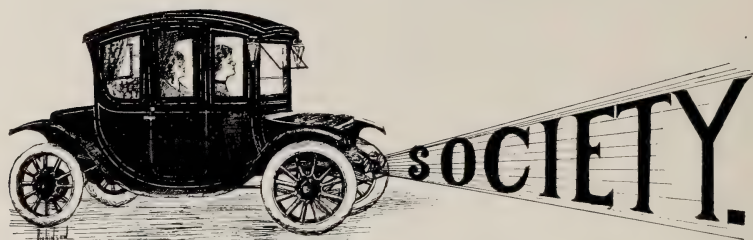


F. G. C. WOOD

so much with the growth of the school, that he relinquished the literary management to Mr. Armstrong. As a teacher of English, he was the manager of the plays presented by High School students in the last four years, and he is now pursuing this branch of art by specializing in Dramatics at Harvard. Mr. Wood firmly believed in the social life of the school and thought that such frivolities as dances were not grievous sins. In conveying a message to his former pupils, he said: "I hope that each member of the High School will remember his duty, as that is the only way a real live school can exist. Remember—

"What kind of a school, would our school be,  
If everyone in it, was just like me."

This message to us, the student body, is but an example of his attitude, throughout his career in the High School.



**A**N interesting dance club which has been started among High School pupils held its initial dance on October 2nd, followed two weeks later by another, equally pleasant. The club has obtained the use of the Alexandra Hall for these occasions, and dancing is confined to the time between eight and half past ten. That Miss Thain provides the music speaks for itself. On the last two occasions she has made a feature of the national music of the allies which she cleverly adapted to our modern waltzes and two-steps. No refreshments are provided. The committee have already turned over the proceeds of the first two dances to the Patriotic Fund. The next meeting of the club, on Friday, October 30, takes the form of a Hallow-e'en dance. All members are requested to come masked, and an exciting time is anticipated by all. The committee comprises Miss Cameron, Miss Mildred Sparks, Miss Jean Cameron and Messrs. E. Copas, G. Cameron. Among those noticed at the first two dances were: Misses Ada Chatterton, Marjorie Greig, Margaret Hardie, Miriam Elliott, Marjorie Campbell, Edna Humber, Rose and Teresa McKenna, Ilma Duck, Winsome Neroutsos, May Smith, Louise Durand, Isabell Malloy, Teresa Robinson, Laura Eng, Gertrude Muir, Ilace Terry, Caroline Tolmie, Margaret Carlin, Vera Hume, and Messrs. Scott, Neil and Harry McDiarmid, Hamburger, McIntyre, Straith, Aird, Taylor, Lanson, Heyland, Utley and Kingsley Terry, Ross, Travis, McKenna, Fair, MacEachern, Savannah, Casey, O'Keefe, Davies, Baylis, Hodgson, Fort, Litchfield, Gill, Bates, Stevens, Dowler, Jones and Casell.

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Readers of the Camosun will be interested to know that Mr. Ewart Gee is now in attendance at the Northwestern University Dental School, Chicago, where he is studying for his D. D. S.

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Quite a number of college students are now attending the Normal School at Vancouver. Among them are Violet Harman, Maggie Stewart, Daisy Halliday, Nona Smith, Clarice Bissett, Shearman.

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On Friday, September 29, Miss Margaret Hardie entertained a number of her friends at "Greenheyes," Oak Bay. The house was tastefully decorated with beautiful red roses and orange blossoms, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent in music and dancing by the



guests, Miss May Smith, Miss Gladys MacDonald, Miss Madge Taylor, Miss Vera Hume, Miss Marjorie Campbell, Miss Dorothy Kingham, Miss Teresa Robinson, Miss Mildred Sparks, Miss Mirian Elliott, Miss Gertrude Muir and Miss Laura Eng.

Very enjoyable was the evening's entertainment furnished by Mrs. Sanson of Linden Avenue on Friday, September 29, for her son and daughter, Campbell and Margaret. Cards held the attention of the guests for the first part of the evening which ended in a jolly dance much enjoyed by all. Those present included: Miss Dorothy Kingham, Miss Jessie Fraser, Miss Ruth Cochrane, Miss Madge McCannel, Miss Myrtle Bryce, Miss Retta Robertson, Miss Francis Norris, Miss Thelma Nelson, Miss Teresa Robinson, Miss Ellen O'Brien, Miss Helen Clay, Miss Marjorie Campbell, Miss Isabelle Malloy, Miss Nellie Dill and Messrs. Gray, Cochrane, Tuohy, Sears, Armstrong, Kenning, Heyland, Clark, Gordon, Hamilton, Kerr, Campbell, Mitchell, Clay.

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Miss Eileen McBride was hostess at a tea on Friday, October 9, at her home on Bank Street. The guests, Miss Jean Cameron, Miss Marjorie Campbell, Miss Jean Tolmie, Miss Doreen Smith, Miss Dorothy Kingham, Miss Isabelle Malloy, Miss Edith Dowsett, Miss Louise Durand, Miss Teresa Robinson, Miss Dorothy Moore and Miss Dorothy Taylor passed the afternoon in a guessing contest, the first prize being carried off by Miss Jean Cameron. Miss Dorothy Kingham distinguished herself by winning the very original "booby" prize.

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A candy-pull given by Arthur Aird in honor of Jack Clemence was the attraction on Monday, September 21st. Miss Gertrude Bryce kindly lent her house for the occasion. Among the friends of Mr. Jack Clemence, who gathered to bid him farewell and wish him good luck in his new undertaking were: Miss Iona Cutler, Miss Lee Kelly, Miss Winnie and Evelyn Bell, Miss Edith Richardson, Miss Mirian Elliott, Miss Janet MacIntyre, Miss Florence McNeill, Miss Lily Collenge, Miss Edna Humber, Miss Gertrude Bryce and Messrs. MacDonald, Yoe, Neil and Harry McDiarmid, MacIntyre, Aird, Gee, Bill and Alex Straith, Harris and Cutler.

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An event of somewhat unusual occurrence but one which afforded great pleasure to the guests was a tramp given by Miss Caroline Tolmie from her home, "Cloverdale," on Saturday, October 3rd. Before luncheon the party, including Miss Mildred Sparks, Miss Edna Humber, Miss Ester Duke, Miss Marjorie Meredith, Miss Eileen and Kathleen McBride, Miss Jean Cameron, Miss Laura Eng, Miss Isabelle Malloy, Miss Doreen and Mary Smith, Miss Louise Durrant, Miss Jean Tolmie and Miss Beatrice Fort, walked to "Bracefoot Farm," where they visited the live stock. Later they all climbed Mount Douglas, returning in time for dinner. The evening was spent very enjoyably in dancing, after which all motored home.



### Meeting of September 16th

**T**HE first meeting of the fall season of the Beta Delta was held on September 16. President Hamilton opened the meeting by tracing the history of the society. The meeting took the form of a debate on the subject:—"Resolved that Military Conscription should be adopted in the British Empire."

Sivertz and Roe debated the affirmative while Fairbairn and Foulkes upheld the negative.

The judges, Messrs. Andrews, Maxwell and Putman, after a brief absence, rendered a decision in favor of the negative.

It was announced by T. Hodgson that, at the next meeting, he would make a motion allowing for a change in the constitution of the Society, permitting of a second and third honorary vice-president.

Dawson, Graham and Gilbert were appointed as a nominating committee for the coming elections.

### Meeting of September 30th

The meeting was convened for the purpose of electing officers for the coming term. Many subjects devoid of sense to a great extent, such as:—"Is clam digging agriculture or fishing?" "If a neighbor's hen lays an egg in your backyard to whom does the egg belong?" were cleverly discussed by the various nominees.

Mr. Andrews kindly accepted the office of honorary president and Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Plant the offices of first, second and third honorary vice-presidents respectively. Finally, after closely contested balloting the following were elected to office:—President, C. Sivertz; Vice-President, H. Roe; Secretary, L. E. Fairbairn; Treasurer, W. Gilbert; Committee, Hodgson, Foulkes, Davies.

Mr. F. G. C. Wood was elected an honorary member of the executive.

Mr. Andrews spoke many words of encouragement to the Society, kindly offering to assist it in every possible way.

### Meeting of October 7

The various members of the faculty most closely connected with the Society, Mr. Andrews, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Plant entertained the boys with most interesting and instructive speeches upon the art of public speaking.

### Meeting of October 14

The meeting took the form of an open discussion on "The War," in which many new members took part, delivering very creditable speeches. Various views of the subject were taken and as the boys were saturated with ideas many lively discussions followed.

Our meetings this year are not as well attended as they should be. Of course, having both basketball and rugby on Wednesday makes a difference. We meet but once a week, however, and your time cannot be spent to better advantage than by attending our meetings even if you are a silent member.

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## High School Orchestra

We are glad to announce that a V. H. S. Orchestra has been formed. The members rehearse at noon hour and twice a week after school hours. As they are all enthusiastic, we have no doubt they will in a short time be able to give an enjoyable musicale. The following are the members:

First Violins—Miss M. Burrige, Miss D. Geoghyan, Miss Nora Lewis, D. Davis, G. Francis, C. Laundry, A. Luney.

Second Violins—Miss A. Grubb, Miss M. Mallagh, H. Chan, A. Small.

Violincello—Miss Ina Gordon, R. Parfitt.

Clarionett—R. Newitt.

Piccolo—R. Todd.

Cornet—Harry Chan.

Piano—Miss Cora E. Shaw, A.T.C.M., Fred Lymon.

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### Taking No Chances

Dugald was ill, and his friend, Donald, took a bottle of whisky to him.

Donald gave the invalid one glass, and said:

"Ye'll get anither yin in the mornin'."

About five minutes elapsed, and then Dugald suddenly exclaimed: "Ye'd better let me hae the ither noo, Donald; ye hear o' sae mony sudden deaths nooadays."

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### Not So Well Drained

Once an old Scotch weather prophet at Whittinghame informed Mr. Balfour that "It's gaun to rain seventy-twa days, sir. "Come, come!" said the statesman, "Surely the world was entirely flooded in forty days." "Aye, aye!" was the response, "but the world wasna' sae weel drained, as it is now."





**T**HE year 1914 saw the beginning of the second session of the "Portia." A business meeting was held on September 15th, when the following officers were elected: President, Gladys Steinmetz; Vice-president, Hazel McConnell; Secretary, Janet McIntyre, and an executive committee consisting of Miss Dunn, Miss Misener and Miss McBride. Miss Cann was unanimously elected honorary president.

It was decided that a regular meeting should be held every second Tuesday. It was also thought fit to establish a membership fee of fifteen cents.

The first regular meeting was held in the library on October 6th, the President in the chair.

The subject for debate was: "Resolved that Moving Pictures on the whole are more beneficial than otherwise." Dora Tanner and Adah Hunt upheld the affirmative against Hazel McConnell and Mona Lane on the negative side. The judges, Miss Burris, Miss Cann and Mr. Alex. Smith, decided in favor of the affirmative.

"Resolved that Professionalism is an aid to true Sport." This debate aroused much interest and was held on October 20th. The affirmative side was taken by Moya Walsh and Gertrude Bryce, who were opposed by Helen Straith and Madeline Bradshaw on the negative.

Miss McLeod and Mr. Hope, who were acting as judges, rendered their decision in favor of the negative by a narrow margin.

The resignation of the Secretary, Janet McIntyre, was read and accepted and Lora Tanner elected to fill the vacancy.

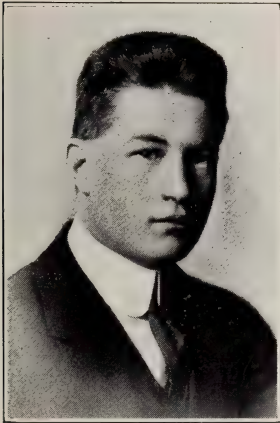
Although the success and popularity gained last term by this club was marked, we expect that this year will see the lively support and interest of the members increase with their number.



# Camosun Idol



**G**ORDON came from Calgary, an obscure and remote village somewhere in Alberta. It is reported that he first attended school at the Calgary Collegiate Institute—which is Greek to Victorians. He did not, however, become renowned until his arrival at Victoria High School last year, when he began to study as a junior. "Scoop" became ambitious and attended Rugby practices



GORDON A. CAMERON

with the intention of becoming a senior, and his hopes were fulfilled as he played a star game for Victoria against the hated foe (Vancouver High) last year, and also played a steady game in the City League. This year Cameron was elected President of the Rugby Club, a position which he richly deserves. Cameron is not only **some** Rugby player, but also a literary genius of some note. This characteristic was first noticed when he was editor of Junior D's high class-room paper last year; then later he became reporter to the Camosun for the same room, and always recorded the **doings** of his class without fail. Having started on these steps, "Scoop"

has now reached the dizzy pinnacle of **literary** fame—Business Manager of the Camosun, which position he has conscientiously fulfilled.

Throughout his course, he has taken a general interest in all things and has always been ready to fill whatever position was given him.

Favorite expression:—"Darn it, you know."

Specialty:—Pompadour.

Weakness:—Getting up at 8:22 a.m.

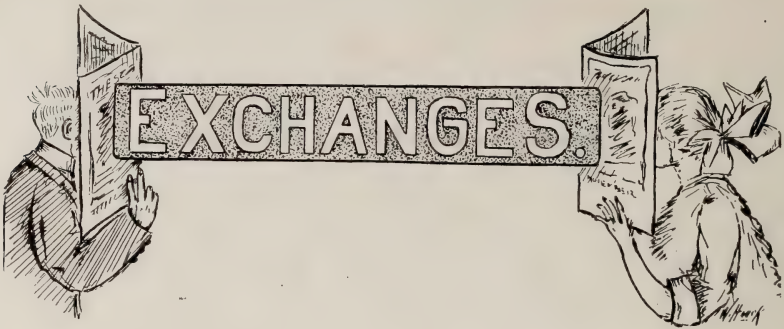
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Father—"If I give you some money ter spend while ye be in London, ye won't go to no music-halls or gamblin' places, or drink champagne with it, will ye?"

Son—"No, dad."

Father—"Well, then, here's a shillin', an' mind ye keep yer word."





The Editor of this department has read with great interest that firing account of a brave young idealist:—

“Who bore mid snow and ice  
A banner with a strange device.”

It seems to him that the banner spoken of owed its exalted position to the vigor with which its owner upheld the ideal it stood for. In the same way we would like to make the word “Exchanges” convey to the general reader, that under this banner he may find the expression of those thoughts which occupy the minds of his brightest fellow-climbers along the alpine path of life. It will not be possible to reproduce articles of any appreciable length, but there will be much which lies within our limits. Beside occasional extracts from high school literature, we think that originalities in the different branches of school activities, which would interest the reader, are worthy of our mention. We also hope, if mere opinions and appreciations are of any value, to be of some assistance to other magazines which are progressing under conditions similar to ours, and, encouraged by the bond of a common interest and good-will, to add our quota to a movement which should help to broaden the understanding and mutual sympathies of the high school students on this continent.

**October “Erisophian”**—It would be instructive to see your athletic editor explain “Paradise Lost.” We wish you continued success and hope that in time your efforts will not be confined to nine pages!

Umpire—“Foul.”

Cute Scrub—“Oh, where are the feathers?”

Nearby Senior—“This is a picked team, little one.”

—Magpie.

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### How It Happened

“How did they get into the scrap?”

“Trying to preserve their neutrality.”—Detroit Free Press.



Orders by Battalion Commander R. S. Hamilton, Commanding  
No. 112, Victoria High School Cadet Battalion

Headquarters, Victoria High School,  
Victoria, B.C., October 25th, 1914.

#### Promotions

On the staff:—To be Battalion Commander, Lieut. R. S. Hamilton.  
To be Acting Adjutant—Lieut. Gale.

The remaining appointments will be announced later.

All Cadets must turn out to drill on Monday afternoon; if it is wet, the gymnasium will be used. Cadets not obeying this order, unless excused, will be struck off the strength of the Battalion.

(Signed) W. GALE, Acting Adjutant.

#### Outlook

Since the last edition of the "Camosun," the Battalion has undergone several important changes. Cadet drill has ceased to be compulsory and is not held during school hours as formerly. In spite of this fact 80 enthusiastic cadets have joined, who drill from 3.15 to 3.45 p.m. on Monday.

The Battalion has lost amongst other officers, Major Yuill, who is at present in a Montreal regiment.

The Corps is proud of the fact that at least nine of last term's Cadets have volunteered for the war, while there were several others who volunteered, but have not been able to obtain permission required. Those who have already left for the front are: Capt. Wallis, Capt. Terry, Lieut. P. MacPherson, Sergeant Heyland, Sergeant Milloy, Corp. Hardwick. Others, including former Capt. Stevens, have volunteered.

The result of the inspection held in May has been announced. The High School Cadets had the honor of winning the coveted



distinction of being the premier Corps in B. C., in competition with over 26 Corps, the Battalion thus winning first money in the Strathcona Fund. It is to be hoped that even the high standard set, will be excelled this term.

The Cadet Corps has been fortunate in securing Messrs. Smith, J. A. MacDonald, Downes and Richardson as instructors.

A miniature range has been constructed on the top storey of the High School. Only members of the Corps will be allowed to use it.

A bugle, drum and fife band is also being formed. Any boys who can play will kindly report.

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Lieut. Wallis of Arts '17, is now in England with the Canadian contingent. The good wishes of his old class are with him.

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## Our Boys at the Front



F. Hardwick, C. Milloy, R. Wallis, T. Heyland, P. MacPherson



THE opening of the fall term has witnessed great improvements in the athletic activities of our school. The gymnasium has been fitted with the most modern apparatus. The instruction of the boys is being ably handled by Mr. Smail and of the girls by Miss Sumner. The students of both sexes are taking great interest in the gym work and very satisfactory results are sure to be forthcoming.

Rugby is being very enthusiastically received by the boys this year. One intermediate and one junior school team, each forming a portion of the City, Intermediate and Junior Leagues, have been formed so far. Large numbers turn out to the practices and good teams are expected to develop this year.

One of the first practise games of the term was played against the Willows Camp. Although our boys were defeated 16—5, they displayed characteristic good spirit, promising the soldiers a harder match in the near future.

On Friday, 23rd, our boys met the Irish Fusiliers at Central Park. The V. H. S. played a strong forward game and kept the ball continually in the enemy's territory. Livingstone placed two tries for High School within the first ten minutes, but neither were converted. One soldier through mistake collided violently with Sprinkling and suddenly collapsed. First aid was rushed to the spot and soon the wounded soldier energetically arose. At half time the game stood 6—0 in our favor. In the second half the High School again forced the ball repeatedly into the Fusiliers' section. The Red and Black appeared seldom on our ground and only for a short time. Finally at the sound of time, after splendid work on the part of Mr. Yates, Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Harry Smith and the V. H. S. boys in general, the score stood 15—0. Much of the good play was doubtlessly due to the heroic efforts of the rooters. The weakest point in our team was the converting. Here the gigantic punch of Len MacBride was certainly wanting; out of five attempted converts and three drops not one was successful.

The Rugby officers for the term are: President, G. Cameron; Secretary, G. MacEachern; Captain, Fred Copas; Executive: Matric.,

J. Wheeler, E. Fawcett; Junior, W. Steele, A. Lowry; Prelim., E. Hanbury, C. Sprinkling. Coaches, Mr. Yates, Mr. Harry Smith and Mr. Smail.

### Boys' Hockey

Several weeks ago the Boys' Hockey Club had their second annual business meeting. Mr. Willis, as Honorary President, and Messrs. Hope and Maxwell, Honorary Vice-Presidents, were chosen unanimously. Robt. Hamilton was re-elected Captain, with Foulkes and Hudson as Vice-Captain and Secretary-Treasurer respectively.

The team this year is light but speedy. It is the intention of the Club to enter a team, representing High School in the Victoria Senior League. With this object in view, regulation hockey shirts have been ordered, which the members say will be in a distinctive class by themselves.

So far three matches have been played. The first game, after only two practices, was with the University senior team at their grounds, in which High School lost 5—1. The much heavier University team displayed splendid combination, which our boys lacked through want of practice. They had the satisfaction, however, of scoring the only goal, which has been chalked up against the 'Varsity. The team is trying to arrange a return game in which they confidently expect to turn the tables. Judging by their display against Victoria men, the Nomads, last Saturday, they should easily do so. In spite of the fact that the Nomads had amongst their doughty number an International, and such renowned men as (Major) Dowler and Knott, the High School played them to a four-all draw, and during the last twenty minutes were rushing the Nomads off their feet, by brilliant team work.

On Friday 16th, playing in a downpour of rain and on such a field as Vancouver is famous for, the team, or rather seven of them, beat the champion girls team 2—0, in twenty minutes of play. The referee, not appreciating the idea of having to swim, unfortunately stopped the match.

### Basketball

Under the patronage of Miss A. MacLeod, the girls' basketball is receiving enthusiastic attention. The girls are doing good work and a high grade of basketball is expected. We can safely assure Vancouver the pleasure of a game equally as interesting this year as last. The Honorary President, Miss A. MacLeod, is the only officer elected up to date.

The boys' basketball, under the supervision of Mr. Smail, is doubtlessly the most popular game this year. Three leagues have been formed in the school and college. In Section A, two McGill and three Matric teams are entered. The games are very well attended and a high grade of basketball is played. Section B is composed of five junior teams. Although good basketball is played, the games are not very regularly and satisfactorily attended.



The nine Prelims and two Commercial teams in Section C take great interest in the game, although there was much defaulting.

All basketball players should get down to work and get in good condition as the Thompson Cup games start on December 5.

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### McGill

McGill is also taking a very keen interest in athletics this year, although so far only a few games have been played. The officers at the head of McGill athletics are:—Hon. President, Mr. Willis; President, Mr. A. Smith; Secretary of boys' athletics, E. Gordon; Secretary of girls' athletics, Miss L. Archibald.

In Rugby Gordon and Hickey fill the offices of captain and secretary respectively. So far only two games have been played. McGill played the University two men short and were defeated 21—0. A match with the Willows Camp, however, proved a great success, the brave soldiers biting the dust at 30—0.

Basketball is very enthusiastically received by McGill boys. Drury has been elected captain and Clark, secretary.

Captain Kerr and Secretary Simpson vehemently inform us that this year McGill will present a grass hockey team second to none on earth.



THE GYMNASIUM, VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL



# JOKES



Mother (reprovingly)—“When I was young, girls never thought of doing things they do today.

Daughter—“Well, that’s why they didn’t do them.”

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He—“At last we are alone. I’ve been hoping for this chance.”

She—“So have I.”

He (pleased)—“Ah, you know, then, that I wanted to ask you to be my wife.”

She—“Yes, and I wanted to say ‘No’ emphatically, and get it over with.”

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“Doesn’t it give you a terrible feeling when you run over a man?” they asked him.

“Well, if he’s a large man,” replied the motorist, “it does give one a pretty rough jolt.”

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Mrs. Jones (with asperity)—“What have you been going to the postoffice so reg’lar for? Are you expecting a letter?”

Jones—“Since I been a-reading in the papers ’bout this ‘conscience money,’ I kind of thought I might possibly git a little cash from the Clergyman what married us.”

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The Professor was delivering the final lecture of the term. He dwelt with much emphasis on the fact that each student should devote all the intervening time to preparing for the final examinations.

“The examination papers are now in the hands of the printer. Are there any questions to be asked?”

Silence prevailed. Suddenly a voice from the rear inquired: “Who’s the printer?”

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Scene—Locker Room.

Dramatis Personæ—Two studes, in various stages of undress.

First Stude—\*\*\*\*\*!!!!\*\* (signifying care-free exclamations).

Second Stude—What’s the row now? Can’t you persuade the pretty lock to divulge its secret?

First Stude—Secret beblowed! But when some big galoot with a 22-calibre brain and a build like a grapevine, insists on using my locker, so that I’ve got to stand his shoes up on end to get the door closed, where in blazes am I going to put my pants?

Curtain.

—“Widow,” Cornell.

### An Unfortunate Way of Putting It

John had worked forty-two years for a corporation and decided to retire. In consideration of his long and faithful service the company arranged to give him a sum of money, and asked the German foreman to present it to him in a little speech. Accordingly the foreman said:

"John, you haff vorked for dis company more ash forty years?"

"Yes."

"Und you vos going to kvit?"

"Yes."

"Vell de gompny vos so glad dey asked me to hand you dis hundred dollars."—*Ladies' Home Journal*.

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Teacher in Geometry Class—"You boys will soon start a quarrel." Small boy at back of room—"An isosceles triangular quarrel."

Teacher—"I don't know whether the base or the sides will get the worst of it." Loud ha! ha! from the class.

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### In 1920

"Who is that awfully important looking woman?"

"Why, that's Mrs. Van Gudgeon. She's the Regent of the Daughters of the Stranded Tourists."—*Atchison Globe*.

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Q. I hear the Sugar Refiners are raising cane.

A. That's because they haven't yet got the German beet.—*Punch*.

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Anyone would think I was drunk," murmured the movie operator, as he reeled away.—*Lampoon*.



PIPE DREAMS





### SECOND YEAR ARTS

**T**HIS year twenty students are taking the Second Year Arts course, either entirely or partially. This increase in numbers over last year's roll is very gratifying to all concerned. From the list of those who have not accompanied us in this direction during their search for learning I should like to select the names, Dick Wallis and Shearman for notice. These two are at present with the first Canadian contingent at Salisbury Plains. We hope that they will come back safely.

Our class is doing well in sports. The girls have their representatives in the grass hockey and basketball teams, while seven of the boys are in the rugby team.

#### Cold Storage Needed!

Kerr—"Say Wilson, how high are you?"

Wilson (indignantly)—"I'll show you whether I am dead or not!"

### ARTS '18

This poem was written by an Anglo-Saxon Scop and was found in the binding of the book by the late Mr. Vergili, now in the possession of L. Wheeler, who so seldom opened this epistle that it was not discovered until recently.

#### The Lament of V. H. Scholam

In the twinkling twilighte of a tiresome daye  
 Methinks mine minde mysteriouslie maye turn  
 Time back. Back to the terms nowe passe awaye  
 In this our schoolie. When them which came to learne  
 Did nicely dress decentlie with dangling  
 Flaps below the knees. When each 'ere entering  
 Our halles was upbrought. Eke, that we should sing  
 (I of mead-halle fame) to childer, youth and wasting  
 Nowe: When once did chiefs departed give to I  
 Favors of words and other useless things.

Nowe nastie naughtie knaves of most fewest year  
Do drive and drivel near our halles of fame  
Where heroes of long oar-like legs did appeare  
And trot. Men of Campbell, Reid and Sanson name  
Departed hence to work or not. Alas  
Their pretty places partaken by rascals  
Of short-panted ignorant age who passe  
Their time in marbles, hoops and bouncing balls.  
Oh Heavens fall and take us all alonge  
Away from thise infants crying at its falls.

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### JUNIOR A

In a recent discussion on the English Land System there were several rather startling ideas brought forth. Here is one statement: "Although many authors have been inspired to write of ideal cities, as for instance Utopia and Jerusalem the Golden, yet very few have described for us an ideal countryside. We have, however, the Garden of Eden. This was a 'Small Holding' which was utterly ruined by the employment of woman labor in the fruit-picking season." The speaker then sat down amidst a shower of abuse from the young ladies' position of the room.

### A Complaint

The scholars of this class demand to be informed why they should have to toil over four hundred and thirty lines of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village," when we could have it all boiled down to the following neat little jingle:

"The law locks up the man or woman  
Who steals the goose from off the common;  
But leaves the greater villain loose  
Who steals the common from the goose!"

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### JUNIOR B

I'm sure you'll all agree with me,  
That the best class here is Junior B.  
We work at our Latin till nearly eleven  
And get up for French at half-past seven.  
Miss Bird gets up about four o'clock  
And works till she's got some lessons in stock.  
Miss Creedon, I fear, does not get up till eight  
And then, hurts her ankle, through fear of being late.  
Miss Campbell thinks she'll quite expire  
When she writes that moving picture satire.  
Miss Carne gets up at an early hour  
To get specimens of fruit and flower.  
"I don't know" is ever the hopeless cry  
Of Dickinson. May we ask why?  
And why is Barr so late for school?

Does he stop to read the "Ancren Riwe"?  
 If Burns is the relation of a poet,  
 Why ever doesn't he let us know it;  
 If Fairbairn had an extra seat,  
 He might find accommodation for his feet.  
 Miss Cavin's very fond of candy  
 And always has a good store handy.  
 Miss Allison says she doesn't know much,  
 And the teachers say they don't like such.  
 If Miss Bell attended more frequently,  
 She and the teachers would better agree.  
 Miss Birkett's very fond of knitting,—  
 I hope she's not so good at hitting.  
 Geldard had better subdue his jokes,  
 The faculty aren't like other folks!  
 The next upon the list is Clarke,  
 We hope his bite is no worse than his bark. M. P.

### JUNIOR C

Mr. Plant:—"Can anyone think of another suffix in-scape." Our  
 B. B. Harkness (after deep meditation)—Fire-escape?

Here we have the latest translation of the Monroe (Munro)  
 Doctrine, namely: "To do as little work as possible and still continue  
 to exist."

### JUNIOR D

A large amount of bloomers,  
 A large amount of heat,  
 A very dirty midgy  
 And hair that is not neat;  
 A pair of rubber booties,  
 A scratch right on your nose,  
 And oh! my goodness gracious  
 What awfully hol(e)y hose!  
 A bang and then a tumble,  
 A shriek and then a fall,  
 This rhyme (?) is merely proving  
 I've been playing basketball.

#### Junior D's "Sotto Voce"

(With profuse Apologies to The Week)

That McKinnon's definition of graft was rather unexpected.

That someone has just discovered a new method of cleaning  
 eye-glasses, "Q. P."

That Junior D. would like more information about the learned  
 gentleman(?) who learnt Hebrew in onè vacation. (Especially  
 McIlvrde).

That Miss Neroutsos knows exactly what she means but, sad  
 to relate, she cannot express it.



That matrons and spinsters are all the same to McNamee.

That Miss Nutrie has distinguished herself in the gentle art of silent speech.

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### JUNIOR E

#### Loyal Hearts

O, hark to the sound of the booming guns,  
That have for so long been still!

O, hark to the cry of Great Britain's sons,—  
We **have** helped Britain and **will**!"

They hear with a pang of the cruelties done  
To the race they they have sworn to defend;  
And the blood rushes up to the face of each one  
As he silently swears his revenge.

And each one thinks as he lies on the field,  
Fatally wounded or maimed,  
He has done his share to his country dear,  
That will live in e'erlasting fame.

O, hark no more to the sound of guns;  
For all will be silent and still;  
But give three cheers for the British sons  
That have hearts which are true as steel!

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### PRELIM. B

#### Just a Verse

A maiden who with thoughts of rhyme,  
Walked slowly out with upturned nose,  
A broken plate made jangling chime,  
And poetry soon turned to prose!

What would happen to Prel. B if:—

Miss Bernath didn't ask foolish questions?  
Brown ever arrived at Room 3 before second bell.  
Nettie knew anything about French.  
Wilby lost his pompadour.  
Gravelin could translate three whole Latin sentences.  
Ella had her arithmetic done on the morning of the lesson.  
Grace should reduce her length.  
Miss Aird doubled her height.  
Willie lost his grin.

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### PRELIMINARY C

When you're feeling kind of weary  
And things ain't a-going right,  
Just put your best foot forward  
And try to smile out-right:  
'Twill pay.

When you wake up in the morning  
And you fear 'tis time to rise,  
And you hear that rotten 'larm clock,  
Just say, "What a grand s'prise!"  
'Twill pay.  
When you're friends say things so snubby  
As to cause you any pain,  
Don't give way to those feelings.  
Don't get mad, but think again;  
'Twill pay.  
Do you this as if aforesaid  
And you'll find, when day is done,  
That the things you used to frown at  
Only meant a bit of fun.  
'Twill pay.

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#### PRELIMINARY D

**John Fletcher**

(With Apologies to Whittier)

John Fletcher on a summer's day  
Raked the meadows, carelessly, they say.  
Beneath his torn hat glowed nearly a stere  
Of overgrown and rusty hair.  
Whistling he worked, and in merry glee  
His little dog barked from under a tree.  
The Pound-wagon passed, and the little pirl,  
His tail between his legs, gave a frightened chirp.  
But, John glanced to the far off town,  
With its large, gray pound-house looking down,  
The whisting died, and a vague unrest  
And a nameless longing filled his breast—  
A wish that he hardly dared to own  
For something stronger than he had known;  
A large amount of gunpowder to blow,  
The pound-house and pound-man to Jerico.

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#### PRELIMINARY G

**The Island of Vancouver**

(With Apologies to Tennyson)

On either side of the Island lie  
German ships, we know not why,  
They threaten us from day to day,  
"We will come in some time," they say,

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The Island of Vancouver.  
Willows beach, and fair grounds too,  
There the soldier with heart so true  
All day long their watches keep,  
Daring very seldom to speak  
Of dangers that surround them.  
Some are tall, and some are short,  
Some say they will protect this port,  
And never more desert their fort  
On the Island of Vancouver.

### War News

MacKinnon has been defeated at Grammar.  
Lumpston is following close behind him and will no doubt meet the same fate.

Middleton made another attack on Latin last night, but was once more repulsed.

A small army of soldiers who have seen active service in the old High are now stationed in Room 16.

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### PRELIMINARY H

Can you tell why Prelim. H should be a brilliant class?  
Because there are so many M. P.’s in it.

### Prelim. H’s Humour!

The whale is a lubberly lubber  
Constructed of whale-bone and blubber  
Who lives in the ocean  
Except when he takes a notion  
To come up and rubber.  
(Not written by the reporter)

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### COMMERCIAL A

#### Latest War News

Victoria, B.C.—The correspondent of the Camosun in Commercial A telegraphs the following: “Although outnumbered more than four to one, the boys in this class are still holding out against the enemy. The only ones who seem to be giving way under the steady stare of the fair ones are Lyons and Hole.”

Brown (working diligently from someone’s paper)—“All’s fair in Love, War, and Homework.”

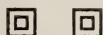
Teacher—“Have a pen-nib, Miss Farri?”

Miss Farri (rattled because Luney had just gazed her way)—“No please, I don’t want some; I had any.”

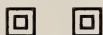
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"I guess you don't remember me?"

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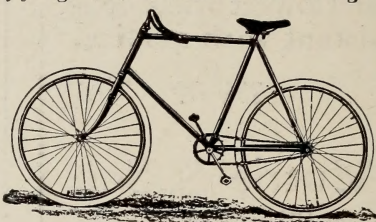
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